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SUBJ: FRENCH PROPOSED IL 1565 NOTE 4 LISTING OF DIGITAL
COMPUTERS ADAPTED TO MESSAGE SWITCHING SYSTEMS

REFS: A) COCOM DOC. DEF (77) 1565/7, B) STATE 139099

1. PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL B, USDEL REQUESTED SPECIAL TIME EXTENSION FROM FRENCH BILATERALLY AND POSED QUESTIONS AS DIRECTED. FRENCH, AS WELL AS COCOM CHAIRMAN AND OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS, HAVE INDICATED THEIR STRONG DISPLEASURE AT SECOND BREACH OF COCOM PROCEDURES ON THESE TYPE CASES WITHIN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS. NOTE 4 CLEARLY PROVIDES THAT A "FINAL DECISION" SHALL BE TAKEN WITHIN 30 DAYS. IT DOES NOT ENVISAGE QUESTIONS BEING ASKED ON THE 30TH DAY. THE CHAIRMAN HAD TAKEN SPECIAL CARE TO SCHEDULE FRENCH REQUEST FOR TWO COCOM MEETINGS PRIOR TO 30-DAY DEADLINE IN ORDER COPE WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR OTHER DISCUSSION.

2. FOLLOWING IS FRENCH WRITTEN REPLY TO US LETTER REQUEST-
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TING EXTENSION AND TO QUESTIONS RAISED THEREIN:

"BY YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 16 YOU CALLED MY ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT YOUR AUTHORITIES HAD NOTED SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DS6-400 B SYSTEM AS PRESENTED IN COCOM DOC. DEF (77) 1565/7 AND INFORMATION COMMUNICATED TO THEM ABOUT

THE SYSTEM BY ITT.

THESE DIFFERENCES RESULT FROM THE FACT THAT THE DOCUMENTS FURNISHED BY ITT TO WHICH YOUR AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY REFERRED PRESENTED THE GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DS 6-400B COMPUTATION CENTER AT ITS MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE LEVEL WHILE THE SYSTEM SUBMITTED UNDER DOC. (77) 1565/7 INVOLVES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED MORE LIMITED CONFIGURATION. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS MORE RESTRAINED CONFIGURATION WHICH PERMIT THE SYSTEM TO BENEFIT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF NOTE 4 OF IL 1565 IS CLEARLY PRESENTED IN ANNEXES 2 AND 3 OF DOC. (77) 1565/7 WHICH ATTACHMENTS CONSTITUTE REFERENCE DOCUMENTS FOR STUDY AND COMPARISON WITH PARAGRAPH (D) OF NOTE 4 OF IL 1565.

WITH REGARD TO THE LOW SPEED LINES, ANNEX 3 INDICATES THAT THE NUMBER OF THESE CIRCUITS IS FIXED AT 176. I ADD THAT THEIR SPEED IS 50 BITS PER SECOND AND THAT, SO AS NOT TO EXCEED THIS OUTPUT OF INFORMATION ONLY A CLOCK (HORLOGE) OF 50 BITS PER SECOND HAS BEEN PROVIDED.

WITH REGARD TO THE MEDIUM SPEED LINES I CAN SPECIFY THAT THERE ARE 8 (AT 1200 BITS PER SECOND)

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AND THAT A MODIFICATION OF THE LOGIC CARDS (CARTES LOGIQUES) HAS BEEN ENVISAGED TO LIMIT THE SAMPLING AND THE OUTPUT TO 1200 BITS PER SECOND. IN ADDITION THE PROGRAM OF APPLICATION IS CONSTRUCTED SO AS TO HANDLE NO MORE THAN 8 SYNCHRONOUS LINES AT 1200 BITS PER SECOND.

IT IS ALSO WORTH NOTING THAT THE DS6-400B SYSTEM PRESENTED IN COCOM DOC. DEF (77) 1565/7 DOES NOT POSSESS ANY LINES HAVING AN OUTPUT BETWEEN 150 AND 1000 BITS PER SECOND (PARA (D)(I)(II) OF NOTE 4).

THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT THIS MORE DETAILED INFORMATION SHOULD ALLOW YOUR DELEGATION TO GIVE ITS AGREEMENT TO THE LISTING OF THE BS6-400B SYSTEM UNDER IN 20.

THEY HAVE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT YOUR AUTHORITIES HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR STUDY OF THE

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REQUEST IN DEF (77) 1565/7 BEFORE THE EXPIRATION
OF THE 30 DAYS PROVIDED FOR IN NOTE 4(F) OF ITEM
1565, AND THAT THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES HAD
FELT IT NECESSARY TO ASK FOR SUPPLEMENTARY INFOR-
MATION ON JUNE 16, 1977, WHEN THEY SHOULD HAVE, ON
THAT SAME DATE, STATED A FINAL POSITION. THE
FRENCH AUTHORITIES RECALL THAT THIS REQUEST HAD
BEEN INSCRIBED ON THE COMMITTEE'S AGENDA TWO TIMES,
JUNE 7 AND JUNE 14, AND THAT THE US DELEGATION HAD
NOT POSED A SINGLE QUESTION ON THESE TWO OCCASSIONS.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE FRENCH AHTORITIES
HAVE DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING YOUR AUTHORITIES
ASKING FOR A NEW EXTENSION OF TIME NOT PROVIDED
FOR BY THE APPLICABLE PROCEDURES. THE FRENCH
AUTHORITIES HOPE THAT THIS SITUATION, WHICH STAINS
THE CREDIBILITY OF THE COMMITTEE CAN BE STRAIGH-
TENED OUT AND THAT THE US DELEGATION WILL BE ABLE
TO STATE A FINAL POSITION IN THE LEAST POSSIBLE
TIME."

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3. FRENCH DEL ORALLY INFORMED USDEL THAT HIS AUTHORITIES

INSIST ON A FINAL US POSITION NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 1. THE CHAIRMAN PLANS ON ISSUING A DOCUMENT STATING THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD NOT STATED ITS FINAL POSITION WITHIN THE THIRTY-DAY PERIOD AND THAT THE FRENCH HAD INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO ACCORD AN EXTENSION AND THAT NOW THE COMMITTEE MUST APPROVE SUCH AN EXTENSION WHICH IS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE PROCEDURES. HE WILL SUGGEST THAT A FINAL DEADLINE BE SET ALSO FOR FRIDAY JULY 1.

4. FRENCH DEL ALSO HAS STATED THAT SUCH US DELAYS COULD ONLY PROVOKE DISRESPECT FOR THE COMMITTEE'S UNANIMITY RULE AND HINTED THAT IF NO FINAL POSITION WERE GIVEN BY JULY FRANCE WOULD FEEL ITSELF FREE TO CONSIDER THE ITEMS AS HAVING BEEN PROPERLY LISTED UNDER NOTE 20.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: INSRUCTIONS ON LISTING OF SYSTEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BOT NO LATER THAN JULY 1.
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